

Riker Homestead
New York City
Bowery Bay, Queens County

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Historic American Buildings Survey
Wm. Dewey Foster, District Officer
25 West 45th Street, New York City

THE RIKER HOMESTEAD
Bowery Bay, Queens County, N. Y.

Owner:

Date of Erection: 1700 or earlier.

Present Condition: Well preserved. Numerous alterations and additions since first construction.

Number of Stories: Two and one-half.

Materials of Construction: Wood walls, floors and shingle roof.
Field stone and brick foundations.

Other Existing Records: Written records: Whittemore, "Historic Homes on Long Island", 1901.

The House stands 300 feet from the main road. A more beautiful site for a country home could hardly be found on the shores of Long Island.

The House in its present condition fairly represents the different generations who have occupied it, each making changes to suit the improved conditions of the age. Much still remains of the original structure. It is built in the old Dutch style, long and narrow. It was, no doubt, originally one story with a pitch or gambrel roof. A story, however, has been added covered with a hip roof. Shutters cover all the windows.

The Homestead property contains about 120 acres and came into the family 250 years ago (1654).

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